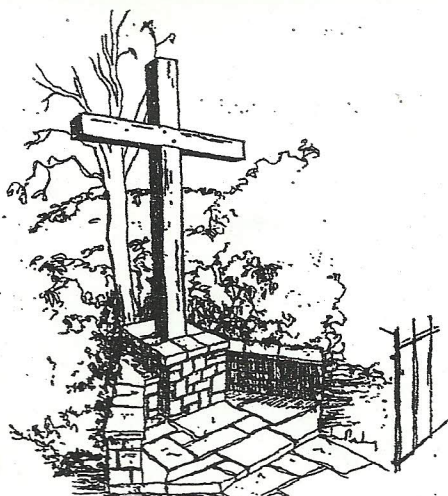


OXHEY VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT GROUP

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Watford Heath Memorial Cross

PARADE AND SERVICE OF DEDICATION

Sunday, 8 May 1994

At least some of the success of the Parade and Service of Dedication, on Sunday 8th May, must be attributed to the good weather which brought blue skies and sunshine, in complete contrast to the continuous rain of Saturday.

The support given by members (and non-members for that matter) was most welcome and many of you will have attended the Service. We are particularly indebted to the Rev. *John Orme*, Vicar of Oxhey and the Hon. Queen's Chaplain, the Rev. *Stuart Hynd* of St. John's Church, Northwood, for the moving way in which they made the Service, Dedication and address so appropriate to the occasion. We thank, too, all subscribers to the appeal who made fulfillment of the project possible, and all those who contributed to the building and completion of the Memorial Cross.

Wreaths were laid by the South Oxhey Squadron of the ATC, the Watford and District Branch of the Royal Air Forces Association and, of course, the Group in the presence of the ATC., the Army Cadet Force and the Watford Sea Cadets, whose band headed the Parade. The Royal British Legion was represented by Bushey and North Bushey branches, including the Women's Section, as well as the British Korean Veterans' Association.

In view of the congratulatory comments made in regard to the Cross, it is appropriate to name all those directly involved in its creation:

Ian Mackay, C.Eng., M.I.C.E., designed the Memorial Cross
Stephen Cook was commissioned to build the structure.

Brent Timber of London Road, Bushey supplied the green oak and cut and planed the wood to specification. Brent also gave Stephen facilities at the wood yard to make the Cross in situ.

Richard Hosier provided further assistance in bringing the Cross to Watford Heath and, with the guidance of Stephen, neatly dropped the Cross into the prepared base.

P. Brant and Sons, of Bushey, inscribed and supplied the memorial tablet.